

# BELFAST CATHEDRAL

## CHORAL EUCHARIST

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2021

11.00am

The Fifth Sunday before Advent

**Welcome to the Cathedral Church of St Anne, Belfast.**

Face coverings **must be worn** when entering and exiting the building, and when singing the hymns. We request members of the congregation to wear face coverings throughout the service. Please follow the instructions from the Churchwardens. Under government guidance for the purposes of keeping Contact Tracing Records it is essential that you complete the following information. These will be retained for 21 days, after which they will be destroyed. Thank you.

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## **INSTRUCTIONS FOR RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION**

Baptised members of Christian churches are welcome to join in this Eucharist.

It is the Lord's table and this invitation is given in his name.

The Eucharist will be celebrated and distributed in accordance with the Covid precautions as laid down by the Church of Ireland. As a result, Communion will be in **one kind only** today.

If you wish to receive communion, please move to the Quire Steps when directed by the cathedral wardens. Those seated on the North (left) side of the Nave will move first, then those seated on the South (right) side afterwards.

Please keep 2m social distance at all times and continue wearing your face covering until you return to your seat. Only then remove your face covering to take the wafer bread.

Please indicate if you require a Gluten-free wafer.

If you wish to receive a blessing only, please keep your hands by your side or cross your arms.

*Please do not make video recordings or take photographs during the service*

## Organ Prelude



### THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE



Please stand to sing **HYMN 476:**



**Ye watchers and ye holy ones,  
bright seraphs, cherubim and thrones,  
raise the glad strain, alleluia!  
Cry out, dominions, principedoms, powers,  
virtues, archangels, angels' choirs,  
*alleluia!***

**O higher than the cherubim,  
more glorious than the seraphim,  
lead their praises, alleluia!  
Thou bearer of the eternal Word,  
most gracious, magnify the Lord,  
*alleluia!***

**Respond, ye souls in endless rest,  
ye patriarchs and prophets blessed,  
alleluia! alleluia!  
Ye holy twelve, ye martyrs strong,  
all saints triumphant, raise the song  
*alleluia!***



**O friends, in gladness let us sing,  
supernal anthems echoing,  
    alleluia! alleluia!  
To God the Father, God the Son,  
and God the Spirit, Three in One,  
    alleluia!**

*Words: Athelstan Riley (1858-1945)*

*Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN (EASTER SONG) melody from Geistliche Kirchengesang (Cologne, 1623) arr. R.  
Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)*

## **THE GREETING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

In Christ God was reconciling the world to himself. *2 Corinthians 5:19*

## **THE COLLECT FOR PURITY**

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **PENITENCE**

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it. You shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets.

**Lord, have mercy on us, and write these your laws in our hearts.**

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ, to save us from our sins, to intercede for us in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life. Let us then confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace:

*Please kneel or sit in silence*

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned in thought and word and deed, and in what we have left undone. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may walk in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy on you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Please stand whilst the cantor sings the* **GLORIA IN EXCELSIS:**

Glory be to God on high,  
and in earth peace, good will towards men.  
We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee,  
we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,  
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.  
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.  
For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord;  
thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

*Setting: Communion Service, John Merbecke (c.1510-85)*

## **THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**



**PROCLAIMING AND RECEIVING THE WORD**



Please sit for the **EPISTLE READING:** Hebrews 7:23-28

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues for ever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect for ever.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Please stand to say **PSALM 34:1-8:**

I will bless the Lord at all times; ♦

**his praise shall ever be in my mouth.**

My soul shall glory in the Lord; ♦

**let the humble hear and be glad.**

O magnify the Lord with me; ♦

**let us exalt his name together.**

I sought the Lord and he answered me ♦

**and delivered me from all my fears.**

Look upon him and be radiant ♦

**and your faces shall not be ashamed.**

This poor soul cried, and the Lord heard me ♦

**and saved me from all my troubles.**

The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him ♦

**and delivers them.**

O taste and see that the Lord is gracious; ♦

**blessed is the one who trusts in him.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son; and to the Holy Spirit; ♦

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Please remain standing to sing the **ALLELUIA:**



I am the light of the world, says the Lord: whoever follows me will have the light of life. *John 8:12*

*Please remain standing*

### **THE GOSPEL READING:** Mark 10:46-52

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark.



Jesus and his disciples came to Jericho. As they and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!' Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, 'Son of David, have mercy on me!' Jesus stood still and said, 'Call him here.' And they called the blind man, saying to him, 'Take heart; get up, he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, 'What do you want me to do for you?' The blind man said to him, 'My teacher, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has made you well.' Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**SERMON** by Gillian McGaughey, Diocesan Reader

*Please stand and face east to say the* **NICENE CREED:**

We believe in one God, **the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**



## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**



*Please kneel or sit*

Let us pray that the Church and the world shall be guided to walk in the way of the Lord.

Bless the Church with clear vision to follow wherever the gospel leads. Open the ears of all Christian people to hear and respond to those who cry out for the divine mercy. We pray for the Extra-Provincial Churches of the Anglican Communion, for the Connor parish families of Agherton and Ballywillan and for the Diocese of Meath & Kildare.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the Chapter and the parishes they represent, today especially remembering Lay Canons, Myrtle Kerr and Robert Kay, and their parish families.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give compassion to those in authority, that they may know the needs of those they govern and use their power for good. Enlighten all the people of the world who go on their way unseeing and unguided, and bring them to knowledge of salvation.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for ourselves, that as we pass by on our journey through the world we may not be blind to the needs of those who come close to us. Bless our community with the spirit of love and concern for one another.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all those in our cathedral community who are struggling with ill health, anxiety for family members and living with bereavement, asking your blessing upon each one.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**



Have mercy on the blind and all whose sight is impaired. Bless the doctors who work in places where many suffer from diseases of the eyes. We pray for all who, through failing eyesight, are struggling with reduced capacity or independence.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for the departed who have followed the way of faith and come to the end of their journey. Grant to us in our time the perfect vision of holiness in eternity.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We ask that you stand with all whose lives have been touched by personal experience of Covid-19, especially those suffering at present and those who have lost loved ones. Bless all who work as carers, in the fields of research and vaccination, and those with leadership responsibilities in these challenging times.

Merciful Father, **accept these our prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

#### **THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS**

We do not presume **to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord, whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us. Amen.**

*Please stand*

#### **THE PEACE**

Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross. We meet in his name and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

*Please remain standing to sing* **HYMN 294:**



**Come down, O Love divine,  
Seek thou this soul of mine,  
And visit it with thine own ardour glowing;  
O Comforter, draw near,  
Within my heart appear,  
And kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.**

**O let it freely burn,  
Till earthly passions turn  
To dust and ashes in its heat consuming;  
And let thy glorious light  
Shine ever on my sight,  
And clothe me round, the while my path illuming.**

**Let holy charity  
Mine outward vesture be,  
And lowliness become mine inner clothing;  
True lowliness of heart,  
Which takes the humbler part,  
And o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.**

**And so the yearning strong,  
With which the soul will long,  
Shall far outpass the power of human telling;  
For none can guess its grace,  
Till he become the place  
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.**

*Words: Bianco da Siena (d. 1434), tr. R.F. Littledale (1833-90)*

*Tune: DOWN AMPNEY R. Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)*



## CELEBRATING AT THE LORD'S TABLE

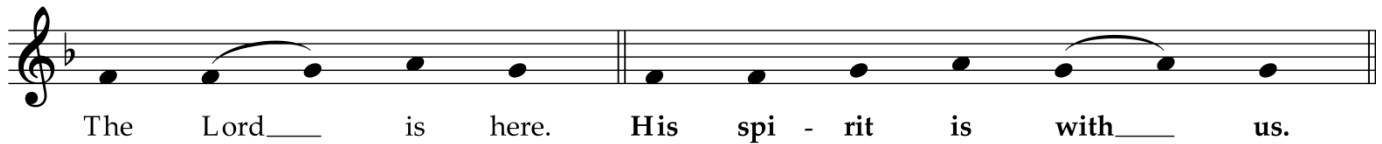


*Please remain standing*

Wise and gracious God, you spread a table before us; nourish your people with the word of life, and the bread of heaven. **Amen.**

### THE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us  
**therefore let us celebrate the feast.**



Father, almighty and everliving God, at all times and in all places it is right to give you thanks and praise:

And so with all your people, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:

*The cantor sings the* **SANCTUS:**

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory:  
Glory be to thee, O Lord most High.

Blessed is he who cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

*Setting: Communion Service, John Merbecke (c.1510-85)*

Blessed are you, Father, the creator and sustainer of all things; you made us in your own image, male and female you created us; even when we turned away from you, you never ceased to care for us, but in your love and mercy you freed us from the slavery of sin, giving your only begotten Son to become man and suffer death on the cross to redeem us; he made there the one complete and all-sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world: he instituted, and in his holy Gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death until he comes again:

On the night that he was betrayed he took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup; and when he had given thanks to you, he gave it to them, saying, Drink this, all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup we do as Christ your Son commanded: **we remember his passion and death, we celebrate his resurrection and ascension, and we look for the coming of his kingdom.**

**Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; and as we eat and drink these holy gifts, grant by the power of the life-giving Spirit that we may be made one in your holy Church and partakers of the body and blood of your Son, that he may dwell in us and we in him:**

**Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, Almighty Father, for ever and ever. Amen.**

*Please kneel or sit.*

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

#### **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

**We being many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

The gifts of God for the people of God.

**Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

*Please sit whilst the cantor sings the **AGNUS DEI**:*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.

*Setting: Communion Service, John Merbecke (c.1510-85)*

## THE COMMUNION

*Please observe the guidance of the Church Wardens and follow the directions as printed at the beginning of this order of service.*

### Organ music during communion

## THE GREAT SILENCE

*When all have received communion, the presiding minister, other ministers and people keep silence for reflection.*



## GOING OUT AS GOD'S PEOPLE



## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of all grace, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom. Renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

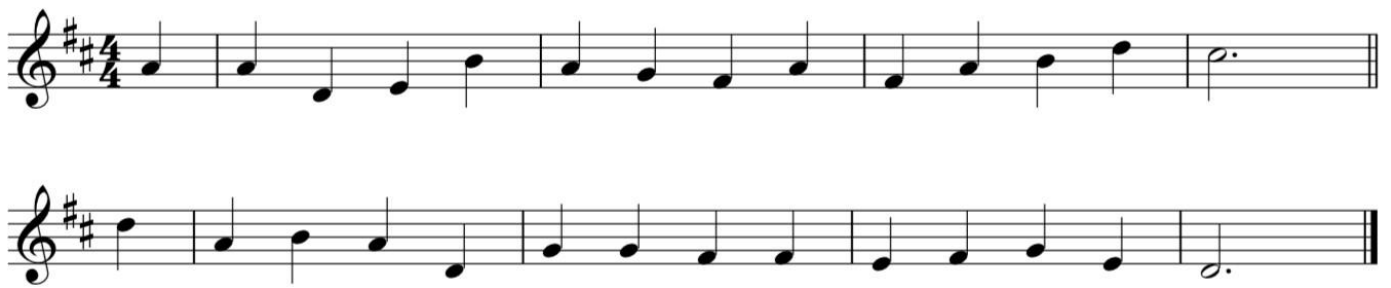
**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.**  
**Amen.**

*Please stand to sing* **HYMN 374\*:**



**When all thy mercies, O my God,  
my rising soul surveys,  
transported with the view, I'm lost  
in wonder, love, and praise.**

**When worn with sickness, oft hast thou  
with health renewed my face;  
and when in sins and sorrows sunk,  
revived my soul with grace.**



**Ten thousand thousand precious gifts  
my daily thanks employ;  
nor is the least a cheerful heart,  
that tastes those gifts with joy.**

**Through all eternity to Thee  
a joyful song I'll raise;  
for O eternity's too short  
to utter all Thy praise!**

*Words: attrib. Joseph Addison (1672-1719)  
Tune: ST FULBERT Henry J. Gauntlett (1805-76)*

## **THE BLESSING**

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## **THE DISMISSAL**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

## **Organ Postlude**

*Please remain in your place until the Churchwardens direct you to move.  
Thank you.*



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## NOTICES



This afternoon at 3.30pm the service will be Plainsong Evening Prayer

**Preces & Responses:** *Plainsong*

**Magnificat:** *Magnificat quarti toni (organ alternatim), Girolamo Cavazzoni*

**Nunc dimittis:** *Tone IV*

### Services this week:

**Tuesday – Thursday 1.00-1.15pm** Lunchtime Prayers in the Cathedral

**Friday 1.00-2.00pm** The Church's Ministry of Healing Service in the Hall

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021: The Fourth Sunday before Advent**

**11.00am Holy Eucharist**

*Preacher: The Reverend Dr Maithrie White*

**3.30pm Choral Evensong**



Please note the time change next Sunday,  
with the clocks falling back an hour!



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